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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
PROCESSING RESIDUAL GAS)

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The listed documents were previously cited by the Examiner in a prior application, Application No. 09/886,010, filing date June 22, 2001, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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